

NOW THIS little story has to be handled with some tact and delicacy because it concerns things military, a sergeant who forgot his commands, and — well, this is where the delicacy comes in — a huge pile of fertilizer. As to the things military, everyone knows the importance of these and the necessity for support, but we have sympathy for some twenty-five villages wives who suffered direly and directly from the momentous affair of last Wednesday night.

IT WAS, so history will relate, the night of the State Guard drill at the highway maintenance station a few miles up the highway. "Shoulder Arms," and "Squads Right" and such commands rang loud in the tranquil desert evening. Each of the officers was being given a chance to command the company. Came Joe Butler's turn. Joe is a sergeant. He is a darned good horseman. He is a more than capable store manager. And we guess he is usually a crackerjack sergeant. Wednesday night Sergeant Butler met his Waterloo.

CAME his turn to command the company. Sergeant Butler took over like a veteran. The company responded smoothly to orders. Things were going along swell. This way and that way marched the troop. Butler's voice came crisp and stentorian. Yessir, here was a sergeant who knew what this drilling was all about.

THEN that pile of fertilizer which Commander Lienau hoped next day to spread nicely for his lawn at the maintenance station, loomed up. Something happened then. Perhaps the thing caught Sergeant Butler unawares. It may have been the atmosphere. The company was marching straight toward the pile, that great big pile. And Sergeant Butler had forgotten how to stop them!

STUTTERING, red-faced, he marched with his men. Right into the stack. Onward, kneedeep they marched. And still Joe couldn't get the right command. He probably couldn't get his breath. Gently his troop lunged on, the lines wavering but carrying on. Finally, Sergeant Butler hoarsely barked something which the lads understood and which led them from their dilemma.

SOMEWHAT THE WORSE for this experience, Sergeant Butler carried on bravely. So did his men. But the jinx was still around. Two minutes later the doughty sergeant and his soldier boys got mixed up in the shrubs and had a little trouble getting commanded out.

BUT IT was all fun—except for the wives when the young gentlemen returned, just a little the worse for wear. And seriously, this group of energetic men of the village is getting splendid training. The men

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Realtor Munholland Precedes Family Back to Village

It got so John Munholland, one of Palm Springs' best known realtors for many seasons, just couldn't stand it away from the village any longer. And so, while his family had made plans to remain in Long Beach until October John was back in town Monday to greet his friends and open his offices on North Palm Canyon Drive. Munholland has a realty business in Long Beach also and the family has divided residence between there and the desert for a number of years.

Villagers Rejoice When P. S. Theatre Opens Early With Fine New Cooling System and Best of Newer Pictures

Because the influx of villagers was far earlier and greater than usual, Earle Strebe, as is his usual policy, rallied to the occasion and opened the Palm Springs Theatre a week or two ahead of schedule in order to provide them entertainment. The theatre opened its doors last Saturday, much to the pleasure of all those villagers who had been missing their regular movies during the summer.

Important new change for the better is the new \$10,000 cooling system installed late last spring and utilized when the theatre was kept open until the latter part of July. This system conditions air scientifically and healthfully and really does a grand job of cooling.

Good Shows Billed

The theatre opened with several good productions and has a number more lined up for this and the coming week, according to Fred Watson, who has been handling things for Earle until he arrives the latter part of this week. Earle, who spent the summer

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Gorham Clarifies Mail Delivery Plan Misunderstandings

Home delivery mail service, something villagers have been posturing the postoffice department about for years, has been assured Palm Springs, but due to several misunderstandings, may be delayed in inauguration.

Said Postmaster R. M. Gorham, "We will have this service. There will of course be no charge for it except the installation of your box. It will for the entire year. Parcel post will be delivered within the delivery limits whether or not you have a box. You are under no obligations to retain your box at the postoffice. If you reside within the city delivery limits you are urged to have your box installed at once.

Emphasized by the postmaster is the fact that boxes may be purchased at the local stores, where instructions regarding the manner of putting them up will be given.

Purchase Anywhere

"But you may purchase them at any place or town you see fit," Gorham stressed. "There is no obligation to buy them in Palm Springs. This office is only interested in seeing that they are properly and substantially erected and uniform in appearance.

"It has been reported that some patrons have been advised to wait until city delivery service is established before erecting mail receptacles at their homes," he continued, "that this advice has been given by some who are opposed to such service and with the intent of preventing the establishment of city delivery at this office."

"Such information is incorrect and should be ignored. We will

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Season Is Under Way For Palm Springs Hotel

Always among the very earliest of local hostilities to open each season, the Palm Springs Hotel, one of the oldest and best-known establishments of its kind here, is getting into full season swing with the usual improvement program going on at brisk pace.

Margaret and Bill Foldes were back in the village by mid-August to reopen part of the hotel and start the various improvements and renovations. They plan to open the hotel dining room and picturesque Luau Room about October 1st.

Already many guests of importance have registered at the hostelry. Rita Hayworth was there for three or four days last week and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Margorati visited the Foldeses. Margorati is a noted camera man for M.G.M. Louis Hayward stopped in for a visit the first of the week.

Bill and Margaret, their sister Irene, and father George Foldes spent some of the summer in Oregon. Margaret finished off her travel spree with a ten-day trip to Mexico City. Irene Foldes and her father are now in Oakland but will be back in Palm Springs in the near future.

Betty Coffman Weds Kieley in Yuma Ceremony

Culminating a romance which began last season, Miss Elizabeth Ann Coffman, more popularly known as Betty by her scores of friends in Palm Springs, was married on August 17 in Yuma to Tom Kieley, another popular villager.

While a few close friends were in on the secret and their marriage was rumored generally, Palm Springers learned officially only this week when there came attractive announcements from Betty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Earl Coffman of the Desert Inn.

The bride has lived all her life in Palm Springs, graduated from local schools and has been attending Mills College at Oakland. The Earl Coffmans are one of the best-known and most prominent families in Palm Springs.

Kieley, who had resided in the Middle West with his family, came to Palm Springs three or four seasons ago, recently built an attractive home in Winterhaven Manor, and has become an extremely well-liked young man of the town. He has a responsible position with Lykken's Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieley will be at home in Palm Springs after October 1.

Hicks Family Has Enjoyable Summer

There were certainly no dull moments in a summer of varied activity for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hicks and their youngsters, Jimmy, Gail and Jean. They returned but recently from the East to reopen their home and Harold's real estate offices on North Palm Canyon Drive.

Back on June 27th the Hicks family left Palm Springs and went by train to Annisquam, Massachusetts, a beach resort forty miles north of Boston. The charming summer cottage of the Humphrey Birges was their headquarters from then on. August 11th they were joined by Mrs. Alvah Hicks, who had gone by train via Seattle, Washington.

During their Annisquam stay Harold and Caroline went to New York for a week's stay and different recreation. They saw a number of the new shows, including that of their old friend Paul Lukas, who has been making a big hit in "Watch on the Rhine," one of the season's tremendous successes.

Anxious to Return

The Hicks went out to dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lukas after the show.

Another interesting trip was made in company with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Burge. It was to inspect the Cannon Mountain Tramway at Franconia, New Hampshire. This tramway, similar to that proposed for Palm Springs, has been such a huge success that the state of New Hampshire has voted to authorize construction of another tramway in the southern part of the state, Harold said. However, this cannot be built at present because of the need for steel for defense purposes.

Harold and Caroline drove from Annisquam at summer's end to Buffalo and there spent the weekend. They rejoined the remainder of the family on train there and returned to California. They report the Humphrey Birges have taken a home in Palm Springs for the season and will be out early this fall.

New Yorker Builds Home in Chino Canyon Mesa

One of the nicer new homes for this season will be that now under construction by Contractor Herbert Foster for Jackson S. Elliott of Brooklyn, New York. Costing more than \$9,000, it is being erected in Chino Canyon Mesa No. 2. The architect is F. Lea Mac Pike of Palm Springs and Lake Arrowhead.

PLANNING COMMISSION HOLDS MEETING

Problems of rezoning and other affairs bearing on proper development of the village were discussed and acted upon by the city planning commission at its meeting Thursday evening at the city court.

Gray Proves Piscatorial Skill



One peep at this picture proves Earl Gray's story. With Jack Gerlier, left, as skipper of the Ro-Mari, Gray's handsome boat, the operator of the Royal Palms Hotel put out from Newport-Balboa, which is Gray's summer headquarters, and three miles off Laguna Earl snagged this big one. According to official records it took one hour and twenty-five minutes to land and the weight was 200 pounds. The fish was a marlin, or swordfish, and was the largest Gray has ever caught. Gerlier is a Palm Springs man also, having been at the Amado cocktail place for the last two seasons.

State Guard Achieves Increasing Popularity and Support; Committee Is Formed to Further Fine Activity

Fast becoming just about the most popular activity in Palm Springs is this community's new State Guard company and its colorful weekly military drill, which attracts large numbers of villagers to the Field Club each Monday night to watch the young men train. In fact, the guard is meeting with such enthusiastic approval here that the local company has nearly reached its membership quota and only a few more recruits can be accepted, according to Company Commander Harold N. Lienau.

The Guard's next drill period will be held at the Field Club on Monday night starting at 8 p. m. The men will march and maneuver for two hours, dressed in their attractive new uniforms, and the general public is welcome

DANCE SATURDAY

Tomorrow night, Saturday, many guardsmen and their wives from Palm Springs will motor to Banning to attend a State Guard Dance. The dance is being staged by the Pass outfit to raise needed funds, and will be held in the new State Guard Armory (formerly the bowling academy) on South First street, just off the highway. The dance will start at 9 p. m.

and cordially invited to come out and watch the interesting drills. Nearly all the members of the Palm Springs company now have their uniforms, which can be purchased at the C. G. Lykken Department Store.

Committee Organized

Wednesday night the State Guard committee for Palm Springs was organized and met for the first time at the fire hall. It will serve as a ways and means committee to raise money, authorize purchases and pay the bills for the village guard company. The opinion was expressed that if the men in uniform are

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Council to Meet Wednesday Night

Several matters of importance are scheduled to come before the city council at its regular meeting next Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Among these are some referred back to committees at the last meeting two weeks ago. It is probable also that question of usage of the new airport, possibly for training of prospective pilots, again will come before the city fathers.

Officials Envision Possibilities in Big Iron Deposits

Because they had heard so much of the big iron deposits near Indio, Francis Crocker, Palm Springs manager of the California Electric Power Company, and Guy Woodworth, noted geologist and hotel owner of Banning, made a trip of inspection to the area last Tuesday.

They came back "very favorably impressed."

Purpose of the trip was mainly to obtain information personally about the deposits which have been so widely publicized. As Crocker explained, he is vitally interested in "anything which can be of material economic benefit to the eastern part of the country." He left it to Woodworth to give the expert's opinion on the deposits.

And Woodworth said: "We were very favorably impressed with the iron ore deposits which are in the nature of a dike cutting across the area for a distance of well over a mile. It will be a very fine thing for Riverside county if the development is possible."

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School Schedules Begin Monday

Both the Palm Springs High school and Desert School district schedules for the 1941-1942 year begin Monday, bright and early.

High school classes will begin at 8:25 a. m. and continue until 3. The same hours are effective at the Nellie N. Coffman school for seventh and eighth grades.

At the Frances S. Stevens and Cathedral City elementary schools the hours were announced by Miss Katherine Finch, principal, as follows: Primary grades, which are first, second and third grades, 8:45 to 11:45 a. m. and 1 to 2 p. m.; intermediate grades, which are fourth, fifth and sixth grades, 8:45 to 12 noon and 1 to 2:30 p. m.

Miss Finch also called attention to the fact a new state law

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City Clerk Job Soon To Be Open For Applicants

One of the most exacting and important of municipal jobs in Palm Springs, that of city clerk, will be vacant within about two weeks because the incumbent, Guy Pinney, must by that time be free to take care of the other two new offices to which he was appointed, justice of the peace and city judge.

In calling attention to the forthcoming vacancy, City Manager John D. Lange emphasized that the clerk's position requires special training and abilities. He said that while applications will be received from now on it is preferable to wait until a list of the minimum requirements can be prepared and published. One thing certain is that the city prefers to have a local man for the job if they can find one qualified, Lange pointed out.

Training Is Requisite

The office requires someone with a college education or equivalent business or municipal training, the city manager believes. Legal background is a distinct advantage. This has been shown in the case of Pinney, who as first city clerk, has really been one of the foremost figures in organization.

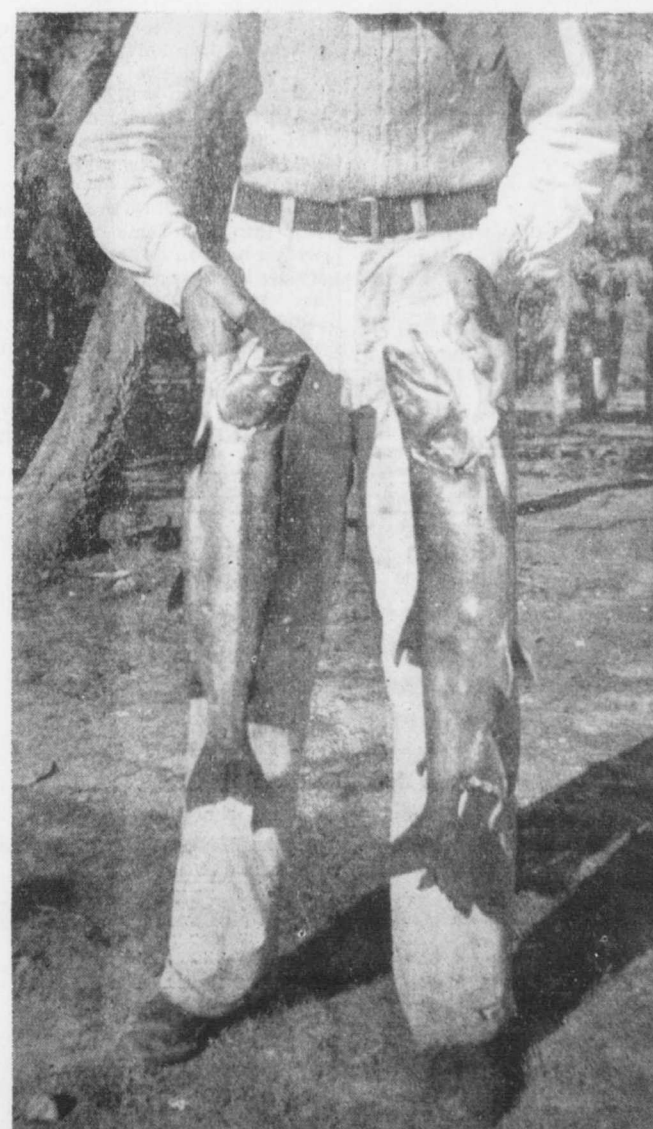
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Dennis Hurt in Gas Explosion

Painfully but not seriously burned was George Dennis, operator of the Plaza Pharmacy fountain, when a gas stove oven blew up last Thursday evening about 5 o'clock. The accident occurred at the pharmacy. There was a leak in the gas and the explosion resulted when Dennis sought to light the oven. Flame shot out and burned his face and hands.

First aid was applied immediately and he was taken to the Indio Hospital by Gordon Feekings, another village restaurant man, who happened to be in the store at the time. Dennis is getting over his singeing very nicely.

McCann Hooked Big Ones, Too!



During a glorious summer vacation, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice McCann and their son, Jimmy, loafed and fished along the Oregon coast, stopped at Aberdeen, Washington, to visit with Roland Dunlop, son of Mrs. Leroy Mills, went on a two-day and night fishing trip with him and an Indian guide along the scenic Quinault river, went on to Vancouver, B. C., and did more fishing and to Mable Lake in the interior of British Columbia where they did a lot more fishing. It was at Mable Lake that McCann caught these beauties, a six pound gray trout and a rainbow weighing four pounds four ounces. He and his family hooked innumerable other trout and salmon in the Northwest. They reported having no difficulty at all in crossing the border.



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(As this column's fourth noted guest writer, the Desert Museum is very fortunate to present Mr. Clarence E. Mickel, professor of entomology at the University of Minnesota and world authority on that peculiar group of solitary wasps, the velvet-ants.)

VELVET ANTS

By Prof. Clarence E. Mickel
The velvet ants are a group of insects which are usually thought of as inhabitants of a desert environment although there are many species which are to be found in the East and several species are found as far north as Canada. Wherever they may be, the observer usually sees the females running swiftly along the ground, and they are usually passed over simply as another ant.

The velvet ants are really not ants in any sense of the word but are the females of certain kinds of wasps known as the Mutillidae. In this family of wasps the females are always wingless and since the shape of their bodies is very similar to that of ants they look very much like worker ants on account of their lack of wings. The "velvet" part of the name comes from the fact that many species are densely clothed with hairs which give them a more or less velvety appearance. The males of the Mutillidae are entirely different in appearance from the females, and one would never suspect that the two were the opposite sexes of the same species if he had not observed this or been told by someone who knew. The males are winged and very often are an entirely different color from the females. The males are to be found on flowers, attracted to sweet liquid such as the sap of trees, honeydew of aphids, or in some cases they may be attracted to lights at night.

Only Females Sting

The female velvet ants are provided with a very "hot" sting while the males are not provided with such a weapon and do not sting. Probably the sting of most of the Mutillids is not much more painful than that of any other wasp, but some of the larger species have a sting over half an inch long with which they can make a very painful wound. On this account the whole group of mutillids have acquired the reputation of being exceptionally severe stingers.

There are probably somewhere between four and five hundred different species of velvet ants which occur in the United States and the great majority of these are to be found in the southwestern states so that they are probably much more abundant, both as individuals and as species, in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah and Colorado than elsewhere in the United States. The various species differ in color, ranging from entirely black through reds, yellows and white, with various combinations of these colors in the different species. As a rule the females are much more brightly colored than the males. About one-third of the species in Southern California belong to the genus "Dasytutilla." In this genus both the males and the females are diurnal, or active in the daytime. One of the largest and most common species is known as "magnifica." It is a black species in which the top of the head, the top of the thorax and the top of the abdomen are densely covered with erect crimson hair. Another common species in this region is very similar in size and shape to "magnifica" but has the upper parts of the body clothed with dense, long, erect, pale yellowish hairs. It is known as "satanas." Still another very interesting species of the desert region is one known as "gloriosa" in which the body is red but the red color is entirely obscured by very dense and very long ivory-white hairs which cover the entire body including the legs. As this velvet ant runs swiftly along the ground it looks like a little ball of cotton being blown over the sand. It is almost unbelievable that the male of this species is black marked with red hairs on various parts of the body.

The concern will have its own motor truck for city delivery and pick-up and employ one full time driver at the present time.

Love at last jolts the star's jinx? He lost the fame and fortune which he won as a child, but now a new bride and a job in the army are mending his heart. Read Adele Rogers St. Johns' intimate story of a famous motion picture personality in *The American Weekly*, the magazine distributed with next week's LOS ANGELES EXAMINER. h36-r37-27



MALE VELVET ANT

Only the male possesses wings

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FEMALE VELVET ANT

The female of the species is wingless

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many of the males are known. This is because the males are attracted to lights at night and have therefore been collected extensively. The males are very rarely taken in the daytime. The members of this genus Photopsis are not so brilliantly colored as in Dasytutilla. The males vary from a light brown to a light yellow color throughout and are only partly clothed with hairs which are plumose or featherlike. The presence of these plumose hairs on the body of Photopsis mutillids is rather unusual among insects because among the wasps, bees and ants the bees are the only others which possess plumose hairs. Nearly all bees are clothed with plumose hairs while only this one group of velvet ants has feathery hairs.

Parasitic

All of the velvet ants are parasites. Although we do not know a great deal about the hosts which they attack it is known that they parasitize other wasps, various species of solitary bees, and very rarely flies. The complete life history of a mutillid wasp has only been worked out in one or two individual cases. Several years ago a graduate student at the University of Minnesota succeeded in working out the life history of one of the common species in the Mississippi Valley. It is Dasytutilla bioculata. This particular velvet ant uses two other kinds of wasps as hosts. The hosts live in sandy places, build nests in the sand, and the pupal cases are found down in the sand, below the surface, made of silk interspersed with sand grains. The velvet ant which attacks these, burrows down into the ground until she finds one of these sand-and-silk cocoons; then she makes an opening through the cocoon with her mandibles. Inside of the cocoon is the wasp larva which has not yet changed to a pupa. The velvet ant then turns around and with her sting, or ovipositor, places an egg inside of the wasp's cocoon. The egg having been put into position she turns around and secretes a sticky material from her mouth which she uses to seal up the hole she has made into this wasp's cocoon. After a time the velvet ant's egg hatches into a maggot-like larva and proceeds to feed on the wasp larva which originally made the cocoon. This continues until the wasp larva has been en-

tirely consumed. By this time the velvet ant is a large larva occupying most of the space within the cocoon and is now ready to change to a pupa itself. It therefore spins a second cocoon within the wasp's cocoon and after that has been completed the velvet ant larva rests for a long period during the winter months before changing to a pupa in the spring. In the spring, when the ground warms up, the larva within this double cocoon changes to a pupa and then finally to an adult velvet ant and then emerges from this underground home where it has been all winter. So far as we know, all the species of velvet ants have a life history somewhat similar to this.

There are a great number of interesting species of velvet ants which occur in southern California and adjacent Arizona and about all we know regarding them is that they are to be found there; so there is a great deal to be learned about their hosts and their general life history.

Watsons Conclude New Mexico Stay

It was a little warmer back in the village than in the high country where they spent the summer, but Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Watson, owners and operators of famous Indianoya, were mightily pleased to be back in town yesterday. So was their daughter, Mrs. Altha Wilson, who with her son, John, spent the summer in Albuquerque and Gallup, New Mexico.

The Watsons were in Gallup virtually the entire summer and Watson was for a period quite seriously ill. Together with their daughter and son, Fred, who was in Palm Springs part of the time and in Gallup also, for a period, they plan to open Indianoya about the first of October.

Nicholson's Begins Its Tenth Season

Enlarging the store space and increasing the stock of men's apparel, Gordon Nicholson reopened his establishment at 258 North Palm Canyon Drive the middle of this week. This will be the tenth season for Nicholson's which handles a variety of merchandise including women and children's wear, toys and numerous other articles.

The Nicholson's spent the major part of the summer in Long Beach but made visits to Catalina, Glenn Ranch, Lake Arrowhead and other Southern California places of interest. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson and their sons, Gordon, Jr., a high school senior, and Clarence, a junior, came back to the village the first of this week to reopen their home in Merita Vista.

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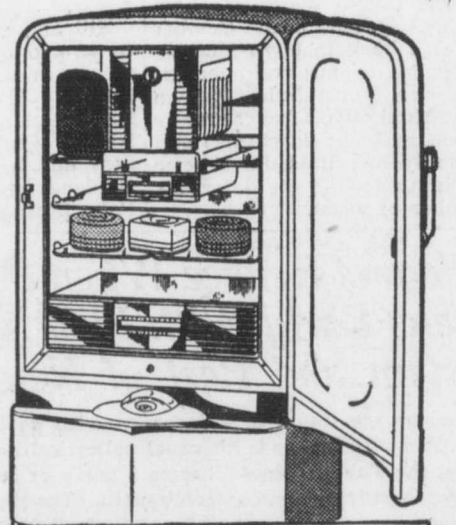
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Freemans Return For New Season

After spending the summer in Los Angeles and other places Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman arrived back in the village last Thursday to reopen their home in Winterhaven Manor. Freeman is local representative for the International Provisions Company while Mrs. Freeman operates Annette's beauty concern in the Plaza. They have both been here a number of seasons.

Wightmans Make Brief Visit

Sort of previewing the village were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wightman yesterday. Recently returned from eastern travels with a handsome new Cadillac car, they came to town for a day to take care of the leasing of one of their houses. Presently in Long Beach, they expect to be in Palm Springs for the season early in October.

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Desert Garden Date Shop Moves Into Spacious Store

To the always attractive lines of merchandise which has made her store one of the most popular in the village for many years, Mrs. Fleta Wroughton this year is adding several more preparations to opening the Desert Garden Date Shop around October 1. The shop is now being moved from 192 North Palm Canyon Drive, the central store in the Carnell Building, to the far larger corner store of the Carnell Building at Palm Canyon Drive and Andreas Road. This is the shop occupied for a number of years by the St. Denis Asia Bazaar.

Featuring quality dates and date confections, the shop has been operated by Mrs. Wroughton at the Carnell location for seven seasons. When it reopens in the new shop this fall virtually the same staff will be on hand to assist the owner. There is one addition, Miss Jane Finrock, who is Mrs. Wroughton's secretary.

Summers In Hawaii

Mrs. Wroughton spent the summer in Honolulu. Among the interesting things she brought back with her are some beautifully hand-carved trays of Hawaiian woods. There are too the several dozen glass floats, which Mrs. Wroughton picked up on the beach in Honolulu in the early mornings. The floats, many of them delicately colored, are used by the Japanese fishermen in place of cork. When they work loose from the fish nets they are cast up on the beach. Fascinating objects, they are much in demand as souvenirs and for decorative purposes.

Hammered aluminum ware trays and other objects and beautiful bowls, vases and other things in the fine La Mirada pottery are among the new things to be found at the store this year.

Ted Wroughton, who assisted his mother in Palm Springs last season, is now employed in the shipyards at San Pedro.

Slavens to Spend Part of Season In Palm Springs

Among the early birds returning to the village last week were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Slaven, popular winter residents for the last five seasons. Slaven was first president and one of those most active in organizing the Palm Springs Desert Museum. He has been active in other civic affairs.

This season the Slavens, because of business reasons, must spend a good share of the season in Berkeley, where they are building a new home in the rolling hills of the Bay city. However, they will be in Palm Springs a part of the season.

Commented Slaven, "This fall there seems a different atmosphere in Palm Springs. There is more spirit, more enthusiasm even this early. And homes and gardens already look lovelier."

The Slavens came down Friday and returned north Sunday on their initial visit of the season.

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Cathedral City

Each year there are several regulars who attend the Santa Rosa Indian Fiesta about the first part of September. It was our pleasure to go into the reservation and to enjoy the hospitality of the Indians on two evenings last week. In addition to sports and barbecue there are many bits of entertainment that hark back to the dim past for their origin. A witch dance, feather dance, and other tribal rituals and then the peon game and others. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Geffert camped on the reservation and have made the acquaintance of many of the families there. A Mrs. Alvarez for instance makes wonderful tamales and pecos. The corn is selected and comes from the Hemet area. On last Sunday evening a combination dutch treat and the serving of tamales and pecos by the Gefferts were enjoyed by a number of Cathedralites who were in addition to the Gefferts and their camp guest Geo. Washington, the C. S. Cobbs, C. W. Larrison, Jay Blackburns (Mrs. Larrison's parents from Banning) Miss Bob Blackburn, David and Roberta Dilling, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Blackburns, the I. Jacobsons and son Doald, Mrs. Jo Higgins and son Robert, and Mrs. Higgins' oldest son Francis Filtz who is in the aviation service of the army at March Field, Miss Jerry Moroney, her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Mills and the Hillerys. Music about the campfire that night completed a wonderful day.

Returning regulars to Cathedral City include Mrs. Catherine Starks and her daughter Marie who will again operate their orange and date mart. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Martell. Mr. Martell spent his vacation like a postman. At Stockton, where they spent the summer, Mr. Martell contracted and built several structures.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dodd are back at the DeLuxe Trailer Park. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hann and son Robert who spent the summer at Soap Lake, Washington. They will soon open their Oasis Restaurant here. Among new residents that will be with us for many months are Mrs. K. N. Amsbaugh, two sons and her mother, Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Kathryn Martin, two children and companion. Mrs. Martin is a member of the high school faculty while Mrs. Amsbaugh will be in Superintendent Finch's staff.

Two things to remember: The directors meeting of the chamber of commerce at Town Hall next Tuesday evening at 7:30. Home owners should be there. In case you have not purchased your defense stamps or bonds, remember they are available in our own postoffice here in the village.

Mrs. Emma McMickle was reported as being in the village for a few days last week.

Mrs. Kathleen Naef and son Robert have returned for the season and are opening the Naef Pines-to-Palm Lodge.

In an exchange of letters with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. K. Wolseth and Roland Hartley summing up Byrdcliffe, Woodstock, New York, I asked them how to come to light there. A portion of their letter follows which might interest their many friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Whitehead were guests last winter at the Desert Lodge operated by the Wolseths in Cathedral City.

Byrdcliffe was begun about forty years ago by Ralph R. Whitehead. In England he had been an associate of William Morris, and it was his plan to organize in America an arts and crafts

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colony like the one over there that was having such a wide influence.

After considerable searching, Mr. Whitehead and his friends chose for a location this wooded mountainside above the little village of Woodstock in the Catskill mountains. Living quarters and shops and studios were quickly built, more and more artists and craftsmen joined the group, and before long it was a very busy place. Some of the foremost painters of America were doing their work here; fine furniture was being made; the looms and the kilns were turning out textiles and pottery; sculpture, art metal, and jewelry were added to the products. Byrdcliffe during those years was a prominent name in American art.

Little by little the members of the original group moved away and now for many years the organized activities of Byrdcliffe have been suspended; but in the cottages and studios of the hillside new artists and musicians are at work. As near neighbors we have two members of the orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and many other musicians whose work is well known on the radio. Some of the artists painting here are among the best known in the country. The past and the present are going on hand in hand. All about them the new workers see the things left by the pioneers the pictures they painted, the books they wrote,

the furniture and pottery and textiles that they made—a lasting inspiration for all who come here.

Nicest Summer Says "Dad" Robinson

After almost ten years of running a shoeshine stand in Palm Springs "Dad" Robinson admits the business has pullman portering beat forty ways except for the tips. "Dad" is the spry chap around sixty or thereabouts who put in more than three decades of portering on some of the crack trains back East, you'll remember. Highlight of his experiences is one tip of an \$100 bill. "Dad" says he believes he is the only Pullman porter who ever rated a tip of that magnitude.

He recalls that it was coming out of Montreal, "and the gentleman wasn't tipsy either." But he had a good season at the races and he had a roll of \$100 bills big enough to choke a cow. He peeled off one of these for "Dad." And that's been something to remember all of these years.

"Dad" Robinson spent the past summer in the village, the sixth successive year he has stayed right on through.

"And it was a mighty nice summer," he concedes. "Not too hot, not too cold. About the nicest one I ever had here."

"Dad's" shoe shining business is located in the entranceway to the Royal Palms pool and patio.

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Hannahs Spends Summer in Reno

For the summer months, M. I. Hannahs, long-time village resident, found the cool elevation of Reno, Nevada, a pleasing contrast to the desert land. Captain Hannahs came back from Reno the middle of August to spend a few weeks at his Idyllwild home and then visited for a while in Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Glendale. He returned to Palm Springs last Tuesday.

This is Captain Hannahs' sixteenth season in Palm Springs. He reported that already three of the attractive cottages in the Hannahs building group on North Palm Canyon Drive have been occupied for the season. In the Hannahs Building proper, The Desert Sun and Ward's Camera Shop are long-time tenants. In fact The Sun has been in its same location for thirteen seasons.

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Dennis To Operate El Paseo Fountain

Successful operator of the Plaza Fountain for the past two seasons, George Dennis has taken over El Paseo Pharmacy fountain for the ensuing season, it was disclosed this week. He will continue to operate the Plaza establishment as well. Dennis expects to open El Paseo fountain about September 22nd. He has kept the Plaza place open all summer, although he himself has operated the fountain at Blue Jay Pharmacy, Lake Arrowhead, during the summer months.

Dennis plans to introduce at his new eating place his now famous policy of Thursday night chicken dinners.

Preparatory to getting down to the season's hard work, the restaurant man left Thursday morning for Jordan Hot Springs, the pack camp in the High Sierras, which is an undertaking of the Purnell Brothers, on a deer hunting trip. He will be gone a week.

Mountain Resort Chamber Meets

At a meeting of the San Jacinto Mountain Chamber of Commerce at Idyllwild Inn last Monday night, Mrs. Charles S. Henderson of Palm Springs and Idyllwild, thanked the group for sponsoring the recent U.S.O. drive for funds, which netted more than \$75.

Mrs. Henderson complimented the mountain chamber of commerce on the splendid condition of the roads this year and said it was her habit to suggest to visitors leaving Palm Springs to use the Palms-to-Pines highway.

It was suggested that Palm Springs and Indio be kept informed as to the conditions of the road during the winter, particularly in regard to ice and snow, so that visitors may use this scenic highway and thus avoid the heavy traffic, especially on Sundays, of Highway 99. Such information also will enable them to become acquainted with the beauty and facilities of the mountain resort.

Bicycle Races Again Held

Bicycle races were held at the school ground Friday morning. Winners in the various events included Joe Sandeffer, McKinley McDaniel, Jesus Marquez, Terry Flynn, Don Kennedy, Don Williams, Larry Pierce, Tommy Griffith, Bob Markam, Bob Sandeffer, Marcos Marques, Lyman Lambeth, Dick Doro, Jim Bigley, Norman Scrivens and Wayne Jones.

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State Guard

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willing to sacrifice one or two nights a week training, the committee should assume the responsibility of handling the financial problems of the military group.

The membership of the State Guard committee is as follows: Ray Sorum, chairman; J. Paul Russell, Morris Richardson, Florian Boyd, Eugene Theriau, Mayor Philip Boyd, City Manager John D. Lange and one or two others to be appointed later.

Wednesday night Col. Junius Pierce, State Guard regimental commander, and Lt. Frank Moore, both of Redlands, came to Palm Springs to help the local State Guard Committee get organized. Col. Pierce explained the functions, duties and operation of the California Guard, showing its great importance to the state. It replaces the California National Guard, he said.

Drill Wednesday

Also, on Wednesday night of this week, the commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the village guard company met at the highway maintenance station west of town to drill and receive special instruction. An officer of the Indio company was visiting instructor at the officers' school.

Following two and a half hours of intensive drill, the officers enjoyed a refreshing late-evening repast of home-cooked red beans, hot French bread and ice cold beer, prepared by Mrs. Harold Lienau and served on the lawn of the Lienau residence. The officers meet again next Wednesday night at the highway maintenance station starting at 7:30, and refreshments will be served following the drill.

There is now some talk of organizing a mounted platoon for the village guard company. All men interested in either the cavalry or infantry should contact Commander Lienau, "Shorty" Knupp, Ray Tomkins or should come out to the Field Club on Monday night to sign up. Enrollment blanks will be available Monday night.

Sunshine, DeMuth Courts Are Now Open for Season

Following completion of various improvements, Sunshine Court and Demuth Court are now open for the season, it was announced by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henderson. Among the many alterations and additions are the two new units which have been added to Sunshine Court and which will be ready for occupancy October 1.

Mrs. Donald S. Lockett of Chicago, with her two daughters, Sally and Shirley, will occupy their same apartment for the fourth season. Miss Florence Newberry also returns September 12 for opening of school.

School Schedules

(Continued from First Page) requires that all children entering the first grade this fall must be six years of age on or before March 1, 1942. Furthermore they must come to school on opening day with birth certificate or some proof of age.

All school cafeterias in the Desert School district will be open and in operation on Monday as will be the buses.

Superintendent Morris Richardson of the Palm Springs High School district, announced all in readiness for resumption of classes Monday morning.

Gorham Clarifies

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have city delivery service as soon as sufficient boxes have been erected. There are more than sufficient number who want the service but the department's regular routine must be followed. This requires the postmaster to advise that office when a sufficient number have been erected, prior to beginning the service.

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City Recreation Dept. News

NIGHTBALL

Rinkydinks 7, Builders' Supply 5.

That was the score of a close game Tuesday evening at the ball park. Both teams played good ball, giving the fans a run for their money.

Thursday night saw the league-leading Buicks take the up-and-coming Builders' Supply into camp to the tune of 7 to 5. Malcolm Priest allowed eight hits to Pitcher Wire's 13.

When the dust on the ball diamond had settled Wednesday evening the following facts became public knowledge:

The "Debs" were on the short end of a 17 to 7 score, losing to the playground "Reds."

The Lions kept their record free from wins by losing their third game to the "Blues," 19 to 13.

Are Hot Games

Both games supplied the bleachers with some moments of sizzling action and it looks as though the softball fans are going to demand a rematch of both games.

Reds—Marcos Marques, c; Ben Prieto, p; Oscar Prieto, 1b; Rex Riley, 2b; Bob Sandeffer, 3b; Don Mendoza, ss; Bill Abernathy, lf; Bob Markham, cf; Bill Leoncio, rf.

Debs—Flora, c; Betty Jo, p; Barbara, 1b; Marie, 2b; Thelma, 3b; Alleen, lf; Betsy, cf; Babs, rf; Shirley, substitute.

Blues—Bob Marquez, c; Boy Prieto, p; Edmund Prieto, 1b; Bob Bell, 2b; Jesus Marquez, 3b; Jerry Flynn, ss; Bill Marquez, lf; Don Sorum, cf; Jim Flynn, rf.

Lions—Chapman, c; Jenkins, p; McCann, 1b; Burkett, 2b; McNeer, 3b; Nicholson, ss; Gorham, lf; Crockett, cf; Groth, rf; substitutes, Weingarten, Cree, Henderson.

BRIDGE

The Bridge club met Wednesday evening and will meet again next Wednesday evening at 9 p. m. All are invited to attend. A prize will be given to the player making high score of the evening.

Evitts Back in New Residence

Following a pleasant summer in Catalina, Utah, Nevada and Arizona, Dr. and Mrs. Lee Evitts were back in town the first of the month to reopen their attractive new home in La Rambla. The Evitts purchased the Robert Yost ranch house type residence last spring and since have made extensive improvements. Dr. Evitts plans to reopen his office about October 1st. This is the fifth season in Palm Springs for the couple.

Dente Brothers

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ment they will feature only quality steaks and other meats.

Manager Otto Dente revealed that the concern purchased a tremendous amount of merchandise for its two stores during the summer at the old pre-price-raise levels. These savings, he says, will be passed on to patrons.

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| Tuesday | 103 | 55 |
| Wednesday | 104 | 58 |

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Officials Envision

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Costs Greater

Woodworth pointed out, however, that the costs of mining and transportation must be taken into consideration and that these would be greater here than at the famous Mesabi mine in Minnesota, for instance. This is virtually a mountain of ore, easily removable, and with lake transportation available.

Crocker and Woodworth described the deposits as lying on the north side of the Eagle mountains about 27 miles from Cottonwood Springs turnoff on Highway 60. This turnoff is about 25 miles east of Indio. They advised anyone making a trip of inspection to take along plenty of water and a shovel, for the sand roads are dangerous.

The deposit, Crocker and Woodworth said, is a fine one of hematite and magnetite iron ores, running about sixty percent iron. The dike, or ledge, is about 600 feet wide and extends across the rough mountainous country for a distance of about a mile. Woodworth said he understood diamond drilling is soon to be done to ascertain the depth of the deposits and the quality of the ore at depth.

The property is owned by the Southern Pacific and is said to be leased to a Pasadena engineer who is attempting to get private capital for development of the deposits.

City Clerk Job

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ing Palm Springs' first city government.

At the present time Pinney is carrying on his duties of clerk as well as those of justice of the peace and city judge. But it is impossible for him to carry this load of responsibility much longer, city officials point out, nor is it desired that he do so.

Women as well as men are eligible for the position.

Grove Improves; Now At Loma Linda

Seriously ill in Los Angeles for some time, Jack Grove, extensive property owner of Palm Springs and Cathedral City, has been removed to the Loma Linda Hospital and was reported yesterday by Mrs. Grove to be improving. It is expected that he will have to remain in the hospital, however, for several weeks.

Local Man Is Made Citizen

Among the ninety-five Riverside county residents, who composed the largest class in county history to be extended citizenship a day this week, was one Palm Springs resident, Harry Griffin. These were the semi-annual superior court naturalization proceedings conducted before Presiding Judge G. R. Freeman.

The Jicarilla Apaches, once the dreaded enemy of the Pueblos, and later of the white man, are now a peaceful people living on the second largest Indian reservation in New Mexico.

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Views and News

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THINGS you should have seen... Shapely Rita Hayworth sunning and resting a few days at the Palm Springs Hotel... Chuck and Frances Abbott, gaily western in apparel and their faces all smiles as usual, waving a "hello" as they passed through town in a new station wagon, evidently Los Angeles bound from Arizona summering.

THAT tall lanky chap Bill Marvin is a villager who goes along doing things without ostentation. For years Bill has been one of the town's ablest promoters of things athletic. Largely through his good offices have the tennis tournaments and nightball games attained such popularity. Bill is a sort of man behind the scenes. But he is a chap who gets things done. And many an excellent idea for providing recreation for villagers, young and older, have been hatched at that sporting goods place of his.

IT IS always good news when the roads to the beautiful canyons are in tip-top shape. They are that way now. All summer long the members of the local Indian tribe, under the direction of Noel Wilson of the Indian office, have been working on them. The road to Palm Canyon, with the exception of a short stretch along privately owned land, has all been oil-surfaced. So has the

Electricity heated flying suits have been devised to keep aviators warm at high altitudes.

Davies Gets Much School Painting

Busy local painter and decorator is Stanley J. Davies. This summer he obtained the contract for painting and decorating the Frances S. Stevens elementary school. The work of beautification included changing the old dull buff of the main building exterior to a cheerful, more-desertish white. The interior also was brightened.

Davies also has the contract for painting and decorating the new Tahquitz School, construction of which is now getting under way.

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